

# News from Ed Markey

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## **MARKEY: 'NO-FLY' LIST MUST NOT BE A 'FLY-THEN-CHECK-LIST'**

*The second flight this week diverted due to mistakes allowing passengers on 'No-fly list' to fly*

**Washington, D.C.:** Today Representative Edward Markey (D-MA), a senior member of the Homeland Security Committee, made the following statement in response to news reports that the second plane in one week was diverted after names of passengers on the 'no fly' were discovered after the flight took off.

"The 'No-Fly' list must not be a 'Fly-and-Then-Check-List.'" It is unacceptable that checks against the list are performed after the plane has left the gate and may already be in the air. Errors on the list and close, but not exact, matches have occurred in the past, needlessly frightening and inconveniencing passengers. Discrepancies must be resolved before the passengers board and the plane leaves the ground. In a wired world of instant global communications, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) should be able to work with its foreign counterparts to ensure that we check first, and fly later."

For more information on Rep. Ed Markey's work on homeland security issues check out: <http://www.house.gov/markey/>

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